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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 were pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 7-13, and 16-18 have been canceled.

***I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC § 102***

Claims 1-4, 7-13, and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) based on being anticipated by US Patent 6,148,068 to Lowery et al.

Claims 1-4, 7-13, and 16-18 have been canceled.

***II. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER***

The examine has indicated that Claims 5-6 and 14-15 or objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5, 6, 14, and 15 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the rejected base claim and all intervening claims.

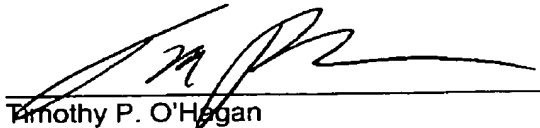
***III. CONCLUSION***

Accordingly, claims 5, 6, 14, and 15 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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